ARKANSAS BROILER HATCHERY

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ARKANSAS CHICK PLACEMENTS UP 7 PERCENT FROM LAST YEAR

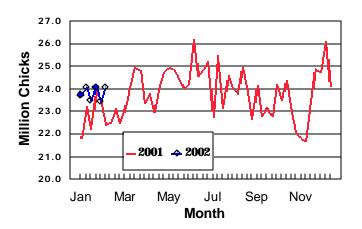
Broiler-type chicks placed for meat production in Arkansas was 24.1 million during the week ending February 9, 2002, according to the Arkansas Agricultural Statistics Service. Placements were up 7 percent from the comparable week in 2001, and 3 percent above the previous week, and included 2.7 million chicks shipped in from other states. Cumulative placements from December 30, 2001 through February 9, 2002 were 143.0 million, up 4 percent from the same period a year earlier.

The broiler-type chicks hatched for the week was 24.8 million, up 4 percent from the corresponding week a year earlier, and 1 percent above the previous week. Of the total hatch, 3.0 million chicks were shipped out of the state. Average hatchability for chicks hatched was 81.7 percent.

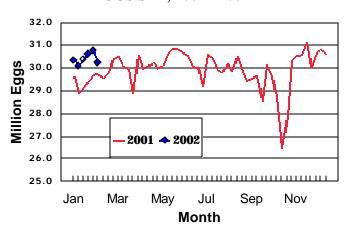
Arkansas hatcheries set 30.2 million broiler-type eggs during the week ending February 9, 2002, up 2 percent from the same period last year but 2 percent below the previous week.

	NET I	PLACEMEN	NTS	CHIC	KS HATCI	HED	EGGS SET			
Week Ending	2001	2002	% Change	2001	2002	% Change	2001	2002	% Change	
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Jan. 5	21,817	23,768	109	23,608	25,194	107	29,608	30,326	102	
Jan. 12	23,255	24,092	104	23,689	25,342	107	28,905	30,121	104	
Jan. 19	22,233	23,526	106	22,086	25,087	114	29,167	30,421	104	
Jan. 26	23,892	24,074	101	24,010	24,968	104	29,413	30,623	104	
Feb. 2	23,584	23,464	99	23,577	24,583	104	29,702	30,803	104	
Feb. 9	22,457	24,082	107	23,864	24,842	104	29,752	30,232	102	

CHICKS PLACED IN ARKANSAS, 2001 - 2002



EGGS SET, 2001 - 2002



BROILER EGGS SET AND CHICKS PLACED IN 15 MAJOR STATES BY WEEKS, 2002

	CHICKS PLACED (in Thousands)											
	EGGS SET (in Thousands) Week Ending				1/	Week Ending						1/
STATE	20-Jan	27-Jan	03-Feb	10-Feb	%	06-Jan	13-Jan	20-Jan	27-Jan	03-Feb	10-Feb	%
Alabama	29,398 *	29,203	29,148	29,511	105	22,209	22,107	22,781	22,013	21,673 *	21,915	106
ARKANSAS	30,421	30,623	30,803	30,232	102	23,768	24,092	23,526	24,074	23,464	24,082	107
Delaware	3,394	3,672	3,574 *	3,631	91	5,030	4,891	5,220	5,563	4,854 *	5,447	99
Florida	2,304	2,163	2,391	2,366	87	2,279	2,331	2,389	2,349	2,154 *	2,473	113
Georgia	31,387	31,455	31,436 *	31,694	103	26,359	25,753	24,895	26,034	25,413 *	25,417	103
Maryland	9,747	9,531	10,095	10,036	121	5,541	6,065	5,561	5,339	5,404 *	5,317	105
Mississippi	18,289	18,359	18,786	18,905	104	15,991	15,982	15,956	15,658	15,683	15,073	99
N. Carolina	18,437 *	18,348	19,269	19,332	106	14,673	15,213	15,016	14,381	13,810	14,293	104
Pennsylvania	3,797	3,473	3,435 *	3,790	120	2,719	2,735	2,577	2,545	2,557 *	3,047	121
S. Carolina	4,766 *	4,742	4,712 *	4,618	97	3,685	3,883	3,803	3,697	3,885 *	3,701	91
Texas	14,703	15,319	15,101	15,263	105	11,936	11,964	12,191	12,100	11,754	11,616	104
Virginia	6,218	6,602	6,643	6,737	103	5,868	5,650	5,622	5,726	5,723	4,898	93
CA TN & W VA	10,537 *	10,966	10,669 *	10,823	95	9,194	8,872	9,885 *	9,353	9,205 <u>*</u>	9,436_	90
Total 2001-2002	183,398 *	184,456	186,062 *	186,938		149,252	149,538	149,422 *	148,832	145,579 *	146,715	
Total 2000-2001	179,208	177,434	178,493	180,246		142,848	143,870	142,278	143,929	144,793	143,285	
% PREV. YEAR	102	104	104	104		104	104	105	103	101	102	
APPROXIMATE MARKETING DATE 2002						24-Feb	03-Mar	10-Mar	17-Mar	24-Mar	31-Mar	
* Revised .	1/ Current	week as per	cent of the sar	ne week las	st year.							
*Kentucky	6,665 *	6,477	6,419 *	5,836		5,576	5,497	4,779	5,721	6,098 *	5,929	
*Oklahoma	6,078	6,566	6,566	6,565		3,985	4,828	4,590	4,442	5,064	5,243	
*LA & MO	9,090	8,900	9,252	9,122		10,207	9,020	9,599	8,605	8,190	7,919	
19 StateTotal	205,231 *	206,399	208,299 *	208,461		169,020	168,883	168,390 *	167,600	164,931 *	165,806	

* Beginning May 16, 2001 four additional States are being published for the first time in the weekly broiler program.

EGGS SET IN 15 MAJOR BROILER PRODUCING STATES UP 4 PERCENT

Commercial hatcheries in the 15-state weekly program set 187 million eggs during the week ending February 9, 2002. This was up 4 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 82 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

BROILER CHICKS PLACED UP 2 PERCENT

Broiler growers in the 15-state weekly program placed 147 million chicks for meat production during the week ending February 9, 2002. Placements were up 2 percent from the comparable week in 2001. Cumulative placements from December 30, 2001 through February 9, 2002 were 889 million, up 3 percent the same period a year earlier.

NOTE: Beginning January 2, 2002, the Broiler Hatchery report will <u>ONLY</u> be available under "Publications" on the Arkansas Agricultural Statistics Service Home-Page at http://www.nass.usda.gov/ar/. Please call 1-800-327-2970 if you do not have access to internet service and would like to continue receiving copies of the report by mail.